

Senate Resolution 982

By: Senators Butler of the 55th and Smith of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Rome Judicial Circuit; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Rome Judicial Circuit was named the 2008 Child Fatality Investigation
3 Team of the Year; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Rome Judicial Circuit has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
5 for the vital role they play in leadership and their deep personal commitment to the welfare
6 of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, they have diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of time,
8 talent, and exemplary collaboration for the betterment of their community and state as
9 evidenced dramatically by their gold standard in homicide investigations involving cold and
10 new cases; and
- 11 WHEREAS, this dedicated team collaborated with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to
12 develop and promulgate protocol to be utilized in head trauma cases involving children; and
- 13 WHEREAS, communication was fostered with primary stakeholders, including the local
14 hospital, to ensure that proper homicide investigations were being conducted and were
15 universally accepted within the jurisdiction, a process that will be instrumental in the
16 development of the new state model for protocol of child death investigations; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the Rome Judicial Circuit team has served as mentors to less experienced teams
18 from other jurisdictions, lending assistance at trials when needed, and has provided
19 invaluable assets to this state, especially during this time of limited resources; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the Rome Judicial Circuit's outstanding leadership and mentoring skills have
21 earned them the recognition of the 2008 Child Fatality Investigation Team of the year, and
22 the State of Georgia is honored to have such a motivated and hard-working team.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend the Rome Judicial Circuit for their efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
25 public service to the State of Georgia and their commitment to using a multidisciplinary
26 investigative approach.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Rome Judicial Circuit representative.